

COLLEGES IN DARK AS U. S. RULE ENDS

All Are Planning to Resume Academic Life Without Delay by Short Terms.

QUESTION OF FINANCES

Fewer Students Means Smaller Revenue for Remainder of Year at Least.

During the present week most of the 100,000 young privates in Students' Army Training Corps at the various universities and colleges throughout the country will change back into muff and resume their pursuit of jobs, money or erudition.

While students are laying aside their khaki hundreds of officers detailed by the War Department to instruct them will be moving out of fraternity houses and clubs where they have been quartered. Professors and instructors will be gathering together to determine what has happened to finances as the result of the commandeering of the colleges of the nation.

In practically every college in the East it is the expressed determination of the faculty to make up lost time in the remainder of the college year so that students will find themselves next June or July just as near their degrees as if they had never spent two months in the army. Subjects which have been crowded from the curriculum by drill hours or by topics prescribed by the committee on education and special training of the War Department will now be studied intensively and for longer hours than usual.

Estimates concerning the number of present members of the S. A. T. C. who will remain in the colleges when they are put on a peace basis range from 40 to 80 per cent. In some colleges there are what is known as "volitional section" men. These men were picked out at the various camps to which they had been drafted and were sent to the institutions for training in various war trades such as photography, radio operating, etc. Most of these will return immediately to their former civilian positions. The other section of the corps consisted of boys of 18 or thereabouts who would probably have attended college whether this country had been at war or not. These will, for the most part, remain. Attendance at college this year will be below the average of former years, according to present indications.

In Dark on Finances.
Financially the colleges are very much in the dark. The Government in cancelling its S. A. T. C. contracts, promised "equitable financial adjustment," but just what this means is not known even to the professors of mathematics of the various institutions. So far, heads of colleges agree, the Government has been entirely just and even generous concerning money matters. Tuition and other expenses of the students have been paid by the Government and in addition each student has received the regular pay of a private. Upon their discharge from the training corps the students who remain will, of course, pay tuition in the ordinary manner. If few students remain and the Government does not provide adequately colleges may find themselves in straitened circumstances.

The war will leave its permanent trace on many colleges not only through bronze tablets containing names of fallen students, but also in the curriculum itself. Indications now point to the establishment of many reserve officers training camps in the universities. For instance, of the four institutions within the city, Columbia, New York and Fordham universities and the City College, too, Columbia and New York University have already notified the War Department that they desire reserve officers training corps. New York University has gone further, for it has made three hours of military drill each week a requisite for graduation from its school of arts and pure science and from the school of applied science. The only exceptions permitted will be because of physical disability.

Fordham and the City College still have the question of a R. O. T. C. under consideration.

Demobilization of the Students' Army Training Corps at Columbia began Saturday, when one of the ten companies of students was disbanded. One each day will be mustered out until December 13, when it is expected that all boys will be civilians again. The organization at Columbia consisted of 2,213 men, including a navy unit of 370 men. The War Department has ordered complete demobilization by December 31.

Major Herbert C. Earnshaw, commandant of the corps, who has seen service in France under Gen. Pershing, believes that half the members of the S. A. T. C. will leave college when mustered out. He bases his opinion on the fact that many boys came to Columbia because they saw an opportunity to secure military training and instruction while being paid. Members of the faculty were inclined to believe more than half will remain, but no one in authority would venture an estimate.

Columbia College at the present time has approximately 400 students who, by reason of physical defects, lack of years, dependency or other causes, did not enter the S. A. T. C. It is upon this skeleton framework that the academic body of the past will be built. Although Columbia College may show a gain of several hundred students over the figures of last year, if half the S. A. T. C. boys remain, the university as a whole has suffered.

In the winter session of 1916 there were 14,845 students in the various colleges and schools of the university. Last year there were 10,845, and this year, including the 2,200 S. A. T. C. men, 10,816. The law school has dropped from 199 last year to 48. Journalism from 72 to 39. College of Physicians and Surgeons from 527 to 489, and the schools of mines, engineering and dentistry from 77 to 37. Harvard has gained 7 students, the only increase in the university. Increases in

registration are hopefully expected shortly. Seventy-five S. A. T. C. men have already announced their intention of entering the law school.

Herbert E. Hawkes, dean of Columbia College, has suggested an extra term of four weeks, starting January 7, in which short courses will be given, designed to precede certain courses on the curriculum for the spring term. In cases where military work has interfered with academic requirements for a degree adjustment will be made, according to the dean's plan. Credit will be given for the special term courses.

Rear Admiral Edward D. Taussig, retired, in command of the naval unit of 370 men at Columbia, said that he had received no orders from the Navy Department concerning the total demobilization of the unit. All who desire are being permitted to return to civilian life as inactive naval reserves, but about half the boys are eager to continue their naval work at the college.

City College Prepared.
To the City College belongs the palm for rapid reorganization. Although the demobilization of the S. A. T. C. unit of 1,350 men began only a day or two ago, the authorities have already organized a term of eight weeks starting to-day, which will entirely compensate for the time lost in military training.

Dr. Paul Sauré, acting dean of the college in the absence of Dr. Sidney E. Mezes, who is with President Wil-

son on his peace trip, said yesterday that 800 of the 1,350 boys in the S. A. T. C. had notified the authorities that they would attend the short term. In addition the college has 750 boys under 18 or physically unfit who have been taking the regular civilian courses.

"Registration for the short term will begin on Monday and class work on Tuesday," said Dr. Sauré. "Major Harold H. Flower, commanding the S. A. T. C., is cooperating with us and has assured us that demobilization will not be permitted to interfere in the least with the academic work. No boys will be taken in from outside the students' army corps for this short course. Our intention is to give the boys an eight week term, spending double the usual time on about half the usual number of subjects. In February we will receive boys from high schools as usual."

The board of trustees and the faculty are now considering the establishment of a R. O. T. C. unit at the City College. Physical training has always been emphasized in the City College curriculum, and it may be that the work will be given a military twist in the future.

More than four-fifths of the boys enrolled in the S. A. T. C. at the New York University have already voted to remain in college as civilian students. There are at present 1,353 enlisted boys on the Heights, as well as 231 civilians, so that the university is counting on about a thousand civilian students in the engineering and art

schools. In addition, 215 of the 534 students of the New York University and Bellevue Hospital Medical College are S. A. T. C. men. Almost all of these will remain.

This university also has already straightened out its plans for return to a peace footing. Instead of the usual college year consisting of two terms of four months each the terms will be of three months duration. The school year will thus start on January 1 next. Credits will be allowed for all work accomplished under the S. A. T. C. organization. New students who have entered branches of the army other than the S. A. T. C. will be permitted to enter on the first of the year. High school graduates will enter a month later.

The military character of the courses, which have been given with special reference to preparation for the army and navy, including military law, sanitation, ordnance and kindred subjects, has already been changed and will be conducted until January 1 with a view to preparation for civil life or for credit toward degrees.

The institution of compulsory military drill for three hours each week at New York University is a result of its advantages as observed under the S. A. T. C. regime, according to Prof. Marshall S. Brown, dean of the faculties and chairman of the S. A. T. C. at the university.

"There is an important lesson for all institutions of higher education in the large percentage of rejections of drafted men for minor physical de-

fects," Dr. Brown declared. "It is the duty of the universities to do their part in minimizing in future this impairment of the national vigor."

Aside from other reasons for its abandonment, authorities expressed the opinion that the Government will save a small amount of money by discarding the system. At New York University alone, it was said, the Government is spending about \$4,000 a day, paying \$1.75 to the institution for each of the soldier students.

Fordham University has 655 S. A. T. C. men within its gates. Father Johnson, dean of the College of St. John of Fordham University, said that intensive study will be adopted by the college.

"We have already arranged with the Board of Regents at Albany to count toward a degree both the work under the S. A. T. C. plan and the academic work which the students will begin about January 1. We will cover the entire field in each subject during the coming term, but will not dwell so much upon details. The college year will probably close about June 30 instead of June 15, as formerly."

Fordham has suffered somewhat from the war. There are in all departments about 1,300 men instead of 1,800, the average. One of the chief reductions was in the law school, which now has 120 students instead of 540, but a rapid increase is expected shortly.

The Scheme at Yale.
At Yale a new term will start on

December 30 for the benefit not only of the S. A. T. C. men but for other students who left college to join the army or navy.

In an announcement issued by Frederick S. Jones, Dean of Yale College, and Russell H. Chittenden, director of the Sheffield Scientific School, it is stated that full credit will be given to the S. A. T. C. men whose military work now and academic work in the spring are satisfactory. Those who have been away from college in national service will also be credited with a year's work if their showing after December 30 is acceptable.

Rutgers College has announced a similar plan for all who return from the army or navy by January 2. It will resume its last year's programme of studies, including three hours of military training per week for freshmen and sophomores and from five to six hours, which are elective, for upper class men. The Reserve Officers' Training Corps will also probably be resumed.

Three terms instead of the usual two will be adopted as the Dartmouth system this year to accommodate returning soldiers and sailors and also the S. A. T. C. men. The second term will start January 3 and the third on March 21.

In a summary of the results of the establishment of the S. A. T. C. system throughout the nation President Richard C. MacLaurin of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, who was national director of the Corps, cautioned educators at a meeting of

the American University Association last Thursday at Harvard not to condemn military training in colleges as a result of their short experience with the S. A. T. C.

"Some college presidents are quoted as saying that the experience has proved that military and academic training can not go together," said Dr. MacLaurin. "Apparently they are forgetful of the fact that they have gone together with rather conspicuous success in many of the military and naval academies of the world. I am not suggesting, of course, that the combination of military and academic training such as is to be found at West Point or Annapolis is either necessary or desirable in the colleges and universities of this country. All that the experience of the S. A. T. C. proved was what any one would have expected—that such a combination could not produce satisfactory results in a few weeks."

"If war is to remain a possibility we must face the fact that it would tend more and more to be a war of applied science and the nation that does not take that lesson to heart by training men to apply science to war-like ends would surely go down in the next great conflict."

Pacific Steamship Sinks With 7.
HONOLULU, T. H., Dec. 7.—The steamship Benta Juarez, bound from San Francisco to Manila, foundered with the loss of seven lives in the gale which swept the islands Tuesday.

INDEPENDENCE DEMANDED.

Porto Rican Students Want Memorial to Wilson Amended.

SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, Dec. 7.—The students of the University of Porto Rico have presented a petition to the Legislature asking it to amend the memorial to President Wilson and the American Congress so as to demand complete independence as the only status compatible with the ideals and interests of Porto Rico. Most of the petitioners were mustered out of the Students' Army Training Corps this week and represent some of the most prominent families of the island. One, Antonio Barcelo, Jr., is the son of the Unionist President of the Senate.

The petition states that the action of the students is based on President Wilson's speeches promising self-determination to small nations.

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An offer to cooperate with magistrates in all cases where blind persons are arraigned before them has been made by the New York Association for the Blind, at 11 East Fifty-ninth street. Chief Magistrate McAdoo sent his associate on the bench yesterday a copy of the letter received from the organization, which said that confidential data regarding the afflicted prisoners would be given investigators for the courts in instances where such information was on file.

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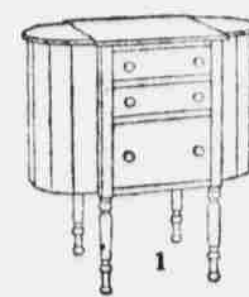
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